

GRAUSTARK

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1968CH

"Spring 1913"

ANARCHY IN TURKEY

ENGLAND (Linden): A Rum-Bul; A Bud-Rum; A War-Gal; A Mrs-Sev; A Ukr S A Mos-Sev; A Liv-Mos; A Lon-Kie; F North Sea & F Hel C A Lon-Kie; A Edi-Norway; F Norwegian Sea C A Edi-Norway; F Iri & F North Atlantic not ordered, hold; F Bal not ordered, holds.

FRANCE (Berman): A Bel-Hol; A Bur-Bel; A Par-Gas; F Mid-Wes; F Bre-Mid; F Ion-Gre; A Ser S F Ion-Gre; F Adr-Alb; A Tri S F Adr-Alb; F Tyr-Ion; F Eas-Aeg; A Syr-Arm; A Vie hold; A Tyr S A Vie.

TURKEY (Lindsay): No moves received. F Bla, F Smy, & F Aeg hold; A Sev, F Gre, & F Alb dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1913" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1970.

Since David Lindsay missed this move, Terry Kuch, the first stand-by, should submit "Fall 1913" moves for Turkey.

The French "Fall 1912" moves "F Adr & F Tyr S F Ion" were inadvertently not printed in GRAUSTARK #205.

1970J

"Winter 1901"

ENGLISH GOVERNMENT FALLS

FRANCE (Schelz): Builds A Far, F Mar.

GERMANY (Berman): Builds F Kie, F Ber.

ITALY (Comber): No build received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kirkpatrick): Builds A Vie.

RUSSIA (Grayson): Builds A Mrs, F St, F(n.c.).

TURKEY (Aita): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, 25 APRIL 1970.

1970D

"Spring 1902"

ANGLO-GERMAN ALLIANCE ENTERS SWEDEN

ENGLAND (Wells): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; A Norway-Swe; F North Sea-Lcn; F Eng holds.

FRANCE (Salcedo): F Mid-Wes; A Spa-Mar; A Pic-Par; F Bre-Eng.

GERMANY (Prosnitz): A Mun-Bur; A Bel S A Mun-Bur; F Hol S A Bel; A Ber-Mun; F Kie-Bal; A Den S ENGLISH A Norway-Swe.

ITALY (White): No moves received. A Ven, A Fie, F Tun, & F Nap hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lindsay): No moves received. A Rum, A Bud, & F Tri hold; A Gal dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Wittman): F Bot-Swe; A Ukr-Gal; A War S A Ukr-Gal; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Grayson): A Smy-Arm; F Con-Aeg; A Gre S A Bul; A Bul S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Rum; F Bla-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1970. Since there are presently no stand-bys in 1970D, readers may send in substitute "Fall 1902". The first ones received will be used if the present players don't send moves in. Please submit stand-by moves for only one of these two missing countries: Italy and Austria-Hungary.

PARIS (1 May 1902): The General Staff has decided that Italy must realize the folly of attacking France. Therefore, France will give ground to Germany and England in order to prevent southern France from falling into the hands of Viscount (continued on p. 3)

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"Spring 1901"

EUROPEAN WAR BEGINS: TURKEY REMAINS NEUTRAL

ENGLAND (Bray): F Edi-Norwegian Sea; A Liv-Edi, F Lon-North Sea.

FRANCE (Strayer): A Mar-Spa; F Bre-Eng; A Par-Gas.

GERMANY (Barents): F Kie-Den; A Mun-Ruh; A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Tretick): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Anderson): F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Ser; A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Leinhos): F St P(s.c.)-Bot; A Mos-St.P; A War-Gal; F Sev-Rum.

TURKEY (Cairns): No moves received. A Con, A Smy, F Ank hold.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1970. Marty Kirkpatrick, the first stand-by, should send in moves for Turkey in case Steven Cairns fails to submit them. See the directory of 1970J in GRAUSTARK # 203.

This game was formerly known as "G-VI".

ROME: Anger has invaded the domain of the Pope. Demands issued by the Austrian Government are unreasonable - something more like gifts would have prevented war between our countries. Now, Trieste will flow with "green", and Greece will remain neutral.

LONDON: The United Kingdom Royal High Command (UKRHC) announced today the conclusion of a treaty with the Imperial German Reich. The treaty calls for British occupation of Norway and Denmark, while the Germans receive mandates over Holland and Belgium. The treaty further stipulates that any violation of its terms is to be regarded as a declaration of war. The agreement is to last until Fall 1904, inclusive. This treaty will now pave the way towards better English-German relations.

1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

MINAS GERAIS, BRAZIL (8 Feb. 1913, Ecumen Press): Jeremiah Sant was finally apprehended here today. While pursued by members of 15 police forces and OUR PEOPLE's Underground, he tripped over his own feet and fell down a Consistency Gap. He will be extradited to the Department of the Tiber to stand trial for the attempted murder of Pope Hadrian VII.

ROME, DEPARTMENT OF THE TIBER (16 Mar. 1913, EP): Today Jeremiah Sant was brought to trial before the Departmental High Court. He loudly demanded that he be released. "I am being held for a political crime! Therefore I must be released immediately and be made dictator of the World or the wrath of the god Leveller will befall you!"

"Since when," asked the presiding Judge, "is murder a political crime?"

"Why _____ fascistwarmonger childmurderpig! How dare you reprimand me by daring to suggest that Plop Gadian has a right to live when he dares to disagree with ME?"

"Why do you keep saying 'Plop Gadian'?"

"My ability to misspell and mispronounce his name proves beyond question that he is wrong and I am right!"

"What is your defense?"

"PIGS!"

"Do you plead Guilty?"

"PIGS!"

“Who is a teacher?”

The trial was thereupon recessed until a sanity hearing could be held. The Ranting Radical Roman Rutakaga promptly denounced "This attempt to repress the divine right of the self-appointed representatives and the people to dissent by killing anyone they don't like."

HOGWASHINGTON (URRP): President Pegasus J. Pig today announced his future plans following his failure to elevate Just Us G. Harrold Barnsmell to the Supreme Snort. "From now on," he said, "all sittings of the Supreme Snort will be held outside the United States. This means that appointments automatically become part of foreign policy. And since Congress always does exactly what the President wants in the field of foreign policy, there will be no further difficulty with my appointments."

Arrangements are now under way for the Supreme Snort to meet in Choerinth, Greece; Sporco, Porkugal; and Pigh Tenh, Hambodia.

1970D (continued from p. 1)

Francisco and his greasy cohorts.

BREST (19 May 1902): Delegates (all male) from Spain, Portugal, Austria, Albania, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Rumania, Switzerland, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium met with Empress Brigitte the Buxom in the city named after Brigitte's most striking feature. Brigitte is taking the delegates on a hunting trip to France's rabbit country tomorrow.

BREST (20 May 1902): Reporters had an opportunity to ask a few questions of the Empress before she and her 16 delegates left on their rabbit-hunting trip.

Asked one newsman, "Will you be going after any specific breed?" Seeing the confused look on the face of the Empress, who, by the way, is not the most brilliant person in the world, the newsman said, "What I mean is, are you going after anything in particular? Hare, for instance."

Brigitte smiled, "Yes, I'll be seeing lots of hair."

"What kind of hare?" was the next question.

The Empress answered, "Mostly public."

(For an earlier press release, see p. 4.)

1970E - LATE PRESS RELEASE

BUCHAREST: The people of Rumania welcome the czar and the people of Budapest welcome the Czar to their homeland.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

This issue continues the effort to clear up the backlog of letters to the editor. In this effort, I have inadvertently printed twice a letter from Sam Ferris. Further letters will be printed in the next issue. Press releases, mirabile dictu, are now completely up to date.

Rod Walker has assigned the designations 1970M and 1970W respectively to the games previously called "G-VI" and "G-I". These designations will be used henceforth.

Robert Ward's address is henceforth Apt. 15, 2562 Traction Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95815. Players in 1970W please note.

TURKE REGAIN BULGARIA

ENGLAND (Lasky): A Norway holds; F Ska & F North Sea S A Norway; F Norwegian Sea-Bar.

FRANCE (R. Miller): F Eng S ENGLISH F North Sea; F Wes-Lyo; F Tyr S F Ion; F Ion S TURKISH F Gre; A Bel-Hol; A Alb-Ser; A Bur S A Hun; A Hun S GERMAN A Kie-Ber; A Pie-Ven.

GERMANY (Shuldiner): A Kie-Ber; A Hol holds; F Den S F Hel; F Hel S F Den.

ITALY (Gorman): A Tri S FRENCH A Alb-Ser; F Adr S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kimmel): A Rum-Ser; F Bul(s.c.) S RUSSIAN A Ser-Gre; A Tyr-Tri; A Vie S A Tyr-Tri.

RUSSIA (Wile): F Sue-Den; F Sev-Bla; A Ser-Gre; A St.P-Liv; A Sil S F Bal-Ber; F Bal-Ber.

TURKEY (Becker): F Ank-Bla; A Con-Bul; F Aeg S A Con-Bul; F Gre S A Con-Bul.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian fleet in Albania is annihilated. The High Contractant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor. (4) ITALY: Nap, Tri. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Mun, Far, Per, Par. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Rum, Vie. (3)

Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (10) RUSSIA: Nos, St.P, Ser, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

GERMANY: Per, Den, Hol, Kie. (4) TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Smy. (5)

France and Turkey may each build one unit.

LONDON: Foreign Minister B. S. Plenty, in a speech before the PTA convention, announced a minor change in foreign policy:

1) "A firm pledge of friendship was signed with Russia. Two cases of London dry gin were exchanged for two cases of vodka to seal the pledge.

2) "Attempts at reconciliation with Germany (which were carried on through a third party because of Germany's reluctance to hold negotiations) have failed. Germany's proposals were not acceptable. England wishes to thank the third party for its efforts and hopes this will not affect its feelings towards us."

OCCUPIED MUNICH (12 Nov. 1903): The Mayor of Munich, Herr Helmut Dantin Fenstermacher, today presented the keys to the city to Gen. Adolphe Menjou de Penaire of the French 3rd Army. Said Fenstermacher, "Any man named Adolph is welcome here." The General accepted the honors as graciously as his troops accepted the honors of the women of Munich, all of whom found the suave Frenchmen irresistible compared to these goose-stepping German clerks. The women called upon Chancellor Otto von Bismarck to surrender to the French as they have done. Terrible street-fighting erupted when the women tried to decide which ten would go to Paris to seek a peace from Premier Breyer-Lesuave.

OCCUPIED ROME (14 March 1904): The female population went into mourning today over the scheduled departure of the French 2nd Army for Albania. Chevalier Maurice de Chanson assuaged the ladies' fears when he stated, "As long as I am on the scene, the most interesting parts of Rome will remain securely in French hands."

LONDON: Foreign Minister B. S. Plenty announced today that there is no longer a shortage of winter underwear; therefore, the fleet is being ordered to the Barents Sea to protect the pro-British Norwegian government from rabble-rousers who have been sneaking into the country along the coast from Russia. He noted that England has no designs on St. Petersburg, as England shall be crushing the German rigs who attempted to seize the North Sea and provoke was between England and France.

1970D - PRESS RELEASE

VENICE: The French to ward off 3 powers and yet issue threats to the gondoliers, who will end singing in the streets of Marseilles. (Reported as received.)

1970E

"Winter 1981"

POWERS MOBILIZE RESERVES

ENGLAND (Gletty): Builds F Lon,
 GERMANY (Tang): Builds A Ber, F Kie.
 ITALY (Beckor): Builds F Nap, A Rom.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Poplawski): Builds A Tri.
 RUSSIA (Burley): Builds F St, P(n.c.); A Wal
 TURKEY (Amling): Builds F Smy.

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THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DR. TERRY KUCH, 7554 Spring Lake Dr., Bethesda, Md. 20034: At times, various Gamesmasters have complained that Calhamer does not seem interested enough in the future of Diplomacy, does not respond as if he were a Court of Last Appeal, etc. etc. Those who don't know him should be aware that games are business to him, and that, in fairness to himself and his family, he just cannot function as a Court constantly any more than a professional writer can afford to write letters of advice to novice writers all the time. The contributions he has made after he turned the game over to Games Research are more than could be expected of most of us, were we in a similar situation.

Have you read The Making of a Counter-Culture ((by Theodore Roszak))? I am half-way through, and as I guess I am what Roszak calls a 'technocrat' I find it fascinating. You might restate his thesis in Graustark, giving rise to some free-wheeling debate (I think by this time your subscribers and players have discussed Vietnam into the ground).

((As for Roszak's thesis, and the anti-scientific bias endemic in his "counter-culture", I'll admit that we "technocrats" are not entirely blameless in the matter. Too many scientists, engineers, and other technicians have given their personal services and moral authority to the war machine, and to exploitative industries. But the understandable reaction against them is getting clear cut of hand. Consider the propaganda of the Ecofreaks - which is not a name I'd give them, except that they have already given it to themselves. (Los Angeles Free Press, 6 March 1970.) A survey of their literature shows that they are opposed not merely to pollution and sloppy waste disposal, but to the very industrial civilization which produces the pollution and the waste substances. A paperback handbook on their planned teaching of 22 April specifically carries the fight against pollution onto this ground, and urges a decrease not only in population but also in power consumption. Both capitalism and socialism are attacked, not because of objections to specific features of them, but because both are oriented towards industry and an increased consumption of consumer goods. The ideal society as they see it is a tribal society based on subsistence-level agriculture. To reach this goal, they want to deny humanity the fertilizers and insecticides needed to grow more food, and the fuels required to bring it to the consumers. This would, naturally, sentence about three-fourths of the human race to death by starvation or disease. However, unlike detergents and insecticides, human bodies are "birreducible" and thus would not worry the Ecofreaks.))

STEPHEN TANG, 1533 Silverwood Terrace, Los Angeles, Calif. 90026: You can build in provinces where a stand-off occurred if it is in your home country and you control it, can't you? I am assuming that you can in this move. I have found nothing in the rules to the contrary.

((This is quite correct. In fact, I have heard Calhamer discuss this as a desirable tactic for the country wishing to build.))

SAM FERRIS, 210 Newberry Ave., Newberry, Mich. 49868: Although you are very smart apparently ((sic)) from the outside on your war position some of the arguments are based on sheer idiocy - and the fact that I know nothing of the war prevents me from commenting on it. Otherwise Graustark is very enjoyable to say the least and I hope you will continue to publish to the 500th issue!!!! I don't really feel though that a true dippy mag should handle all this "trash" but it is rather enjoyable....

HUGH B. ANDERSON, 2717 Belaire Dr., Lansing, Mich. 48910: I enjoyed your big #200 issue. Please run a strategy article by Beshara, when you can get him to write

it. I'd like to know how he kept Comber as an ally throughout 1968CL, despite the dozen letters I sent to Pete, showing how he could gain 4 or 5 supply centers at Turkey's expense if he would switch sides.

BUDDY TRETICK, 3702 Wendy Lane, Silver Spring, Md. 20906: Could you be so kind as to advertise openings in La Guerre? I have enclosed a small blurb for that purpose. If I don't fill some games soon, La Guerre will fold. *****

I have run 25 games in 3 years - could be more than

* IA GUERRE, a postal Dip-

* lomacy magazine in existence

* for over 3 years, has open-

* ings in regular Diplomacy, the

* air-sea variant, the blitz-

* Krieg variant, and a second

* 7-man 7-game regular Diplomacy

* tournament. Gamesmaster is

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* Sample issues available upon

* request. Mimeograph print-

* ing process.

There are also 2 letters to the editor for publication in your 'zine, if you would.

((The advertisement appears to the right. The letters, which deal with questions concerning rule interpretations, will be published in future issues as space permits. The letter column is running a little behind recently, and there is much catching up to do.))

I am in need of data - relative strength per game year - on any variation of regular Diplomacy. I understand that your 'zine published the bulk of this info. If so, how much for a complete set?

((I only publish center-year charts for GRAU-STARK games, if that is what you mean. Consult back issues of GRAUSTARK. Perhaps Rod Walker could be of assistance for a more general survey of the game.))

BRUCE GLETTY, 1004 S. 4th St., Champaign, Ill. 61820: I have a question on WWI Diplomacy. If an American army winds up in an allied supply center after a fall move does the power that had that supply center lose a unit? If so, can the Americans build 2 units this turn? Who removes Russian pieces after 1917? If the Russians should have a build coming in Fall 1917, do they get it?

((Any supply center which an American unit occupies at the end of a Fall move is credited to the Entente Power on whose territory that American army originally landed. America gets neither more nor less than one new army each "Winter", established on an Entente port as provided in the rules. This holds even if an American unit is annihilated in the course of the game. As for the Russian units, they make any retreats which may be necessitated after the "Spring 1917" moves. But from then on they hold without moving or supporting, as provided in the Rulebook for cases of "Civil Disorder". No builds are made.))

If a player has a home supply center left and his last unit is annihilated after a spring move AND no one takes his supply center can he build a unit in the winter or is he out of the game.

((He can build and continue play. This situation has arisen in postal Diplomacy, though I can't offhand remember where.))

GARY GYGAX, 330 Center St., Lake Geneva, Wisc. 53147: I wish to immediately correct the errors expressed by Bill Linden regarding the theological beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses. ((See Linden's letter in GRAUSTARK #203, p. 10.)) As their theology is taken strictly from the Bible, they have no such concept as God having "two sons", namely Satan and Michael. Jehovah has one "only begotten son" - see Colossians 1:15-17. It was through him that all things were created. All spirit creatures are referred to as "sons of God", including Satan at one time. His other statements are more or less correct. We do not worship the instrument of Jesus' death, even though it was not a cross. The Bible does not support the false doctrine of the Trinity. The Scriptures do state that this world (or system of things) belongs to Satan.

...I really don't know where Linden got the notion that JW's have such an unscriptural theology. Anyone familiar with the religion knows that we are "fundamentalists" in the strictest sense of the term. ((Religion of the fundamental?)) If it isn't in the Bible then it is not doctrine, and JW's research the Bible very carefully and thoroughly.

((Commenting on this, Linden says: "There is no need to postulate this; Russell

could simply have revived Bogomilism along with the other heresies Witnesses claim as forebears." He refers to Charles Taze Russell, founder of the sect now called Jehovah's Witnesses. Russell was formerly a Seventh-Day Adventist, member of a millenarian sect which had grown out of the Millerite "end-of-the-world" mania of 1844. A pent Witness opposition to evolution, Linden continues: "If Darwinism is so obvious, why did it take mankind nearly 7000 years to hit on it?" This is a misunderstanding of my remark in GRAUSTARK #200 of the "obvious fact (of) the kinship of the human race with the rest of the animal kingdom". This is not quite Darwinism. But anyone of little more than common acumen could see easily that the members, organs, passions, and behavior of mankind are in close correspondence with those of other animals.))

...We hope to put together an IFW/LG Tactical Games Association medieval wargaming society 'zine soon. It will include heraldry, history, etc. Interested in it?

((Definitely. The first issue has just arrived. It is appropriately named Domesday Book, and is edited by Robert Kuntz, 334 Madison St., Lake Geneva, Wisc. 53147.))

...Your comment regarding wargaming ((in GRAUSTARK #205, p. 8)) is mistaken - you simply mentioned the wrong people! See. It's as easy as that. I can't help it if you insist on mentioning only the impolite few. The firms and organizations you mention are another thing.

Finally, your observations regarding ministers (#205, p. 12)) and clergy of what profess to be Christian religions sects are quite sound. However, by definition a Christian is a footstep follower of the Christ. Obviously, these men are/were not. This is why the JW's use the terms "Christendom" and "Christianity", for as Jesus said, not everyone using his name would be in fact, a Christian, but by their works one could tell the true from the false.

BILL LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: Warfare is never palatable. It may, however, under certain circumstances become temporarily acceptable as the least obnoxious of several alternatives. ((Which include a stock market slump?))

Oswald was not "USMC Ret." He was dishonorably discharged after he deserted and defected to the USSR. While in the Corps, he constantly fought its Authoritarian Dehumanization. He was twice convicted by a summary court-martial, once for possessing an unregistered pistol and once for using profanity to a superior. (Robert J. Donovan, The Assassins.) ((Now let's see - which political faction has been pushing vigorously against gun registration laws?)) Consequently, he can hardly be blamed on the armed forces. On the contrary, he must be counted as one of the failures of the military system, making him one of your heroes.

You said "every last de facto boundary must remain unchanged", and no amount of doublethink can turn your pretense that you said de jure into truth. I will not comment further on this, since your lie is in print for all to see.

((I wish you would give me and the readers the ghost of a notion as to what you are talking about. If you can draw a line anywhere on a map and say, "This represents the de facto boundary between the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Republic of Vietnam, and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of Vietnam," then have at it.))

My remarks on Bogomil doctrine and the Witnesses got garbled somewhere along the line. While it is possible that the doctrines in question may have been transmitted to North America via Russian Sectarianism, there is no need to invoke this hypothesis; Russell was a theological jackdaw.

Come off it. If, as you claim, everyone in the country agrees

with you, how come Eldridge Cleaver was not elected by a landslide?

((Everyone in the country agrees with you" is a Lindenese translation of my statement that a majority of the American people is now opposed to the war in Vietnam. Cleaver is scarcely convincing as a pacifist, even in those few states where his name was allowed on the ballot. Dick Gregory, the candidate for whom I voted, was ruled off even more state ballots than was Cleaver. Even so, his candidacy provoked a hysterical over-reaction from the federal government. Federal authorities actually confiscated his campaign fliers. And, of course, the press repeated the phrase "three major candidates" so often that Wallace was elevated, and the anti-war candidates ignored, by people who had no other means of learning about the campaign.))

I thought you were against monarchy. Therefore, if war is a danger to monarchy, you should support it.

When the King of Paranoia complains about a "paranoid vision of the world" I find it impossible to take him seriously.

((You're the one who believes that a Sinister International Conspiracy is Out to Get him.))

I am grateful to Salcedo for drawing you at last into an admission (albeit a guarded one) that you see nothing wrong with war as long as the Bad Guys are getting killed. How come we had the right to "police the world" thirty years ago, but not now?

In the light of Presidential ukases on CBW, isn't Chris Robinson's drooling revelation a bit posterior?

To: ((Charles)) Johnson, I remark for the five million and twenty-third time that anyone can prove anything by using straw men. To ask a question as fair as his; if you don't think America is perfect, how can you support the establishment of Auschwitz?

I don't see why you complain about Judge Hoffman's conduct - he always did exactly what you wanted.

((And he provided us with some useful precedents. It seems that men on trial can be denied attorneys of their choice, and gagged and bound when they complain about it. It also seems that sentences can be handed down while the jury is still out deliberating. Believe me, we won't forget this when our time at bat comes up.))

An anonymous "USAID official" says that there was no massacre at My Lai. The President of the United States says that there was. Which counts as "the official line". ((Until he pardons the murderers.)) (Of course, I have my own doubts, considering the "known bias of the sources". The prosecution's star witness, Sgt. Bernstein, admitted in an interview with the New York Times Joseph Lelyveld, that he cannot remember what he was doing on the day in question. This being so, I do not see how we can rely on his testimony to what anyone else was doing.)

((The "anonymous" USAID official is named Richard Harris Eney. A photocopy of his statement will be sent to any reader on request.))

I notice that you still make no attempt to refute my report of a recent 80/1 discrepancy in favor of us "Hawks" at NYU.

((When only 3 people can be mustered on the Brooklyn College campus for a pro-war demonstration, I refuse to believe that matters are much different in another non-sectarian metropolitan university.))

DEREK NELSON, 227 Sherburn St., Winnipeg 10, Manitoba. The function of an editor is to fix style, spelling, and grammar. It is not to change facts (unless inaccurate). The US plan was the Red-Orange plan. Japan was not colour-coded "yellow". The reference is History of the United States Army by Russell F. Weigley (MacMillan).

((Sorry - I was using an inaccurate source when I so edited Nelson's article in GRAUSTARK #262.))

SECRET

FIVE-POWER FACI BIDS WAR

All five remaining players in 1969BI have accepted an offer of a truce, based on the position at the end of "1905". It was generally agreed that the two alliances (England, Germany, and France against Italy and Austria-Hungary) could not make further headway against each other.

A review of this game will be printed at a later date. The roster and supply center chart are:

| 1969BI - John Boardman, Gamesmaster | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|
| E - George Heap (drew F05) | E | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| F - Bruce Gletty (drew F05) | F | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| G - David Johnston (drew F05) | G | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| I - Donald Berman (drew F05) | I | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| A - John Beshara (drew F05) | A | 3 | 5 | 7 | 11* | 11 |
| R - Edi Birsan (res S03) | R | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | |
| R - Robert Ward (out F04) | T | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | |
| T - Jerry White (out F04) | | | | | | |

During the last game year, Marty Kirkpatrick and Richard Miller submitted stand-by moves. Since 1969BI is now over, they will be entered as stand-bys in 1970E and 1970J respectively. These two new games formerly lacked stand-by players.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Shortly after the Russian Revolution, a propagandistic chess set was made in the Soviet Union, a nation which has outdone all others in the patronage of this game. The two sides were red and white, and represented the two political factions of that coloration. The red King and Queen personified the triumphant revolution, while their white counterparts were allegorical figures of capitalism. The other pieces represented prominent persons in the struggle which had just been won.

When the victors fell out among themselves following the death of Lenin, some changes were made. Trotsky had originally been a red Rock; following his downfall he was bleached and transferred to the white side. Others of Stalin's victims followed in due course.

How this set fell into capitalist hands I know not. But on 29 March 1970 the New York Times announced that Parke-Bernet Galleries will put it on sale, along with other works of Russian art.

Mitchel Sharp, Canada's External Affairs Minister, has observed that the nature of war is changing, and that this requires a revision of "the rules of warfare". We eagerly await Mr. Sharp's additional suggestions of the revisions of the rules of rape, the rules of extortion, and the rules of kidnapping.

In GRAUSTARK #200 I offered evidence to the interested that such acts as the massacres of civilians at Luongphoc, Xuangoc, Songmy, and Balangan were not accidental actions by overenthusiastic individuals, but an integral part of American policy in Vietnam. For people who do not accept the validity of evidence collected by the anti-war publication Guardian, several American officers stated the same thing during a court-martial at Longbinh last month.

These officers were testifying in the trial of one of their number, 1st Lt. James Duffy, on a charge of murdering an unarmed Vietnamese civilian. Duffy has admitted the act, but denies that it is cri-

rninal. His fellow-officers in the 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry put it this way:

1st Lt. John Kruger: "Our policy was that once contact was made we kept firing until everything in the kill zone was killed. We did not take prisoners."

1st Lt. Ralph C. Krueger: "My policy was that a man does not surrender during a firefight. If a VC comes out of a fight to give himself up, that man is dead."

Henry Rothblatt, Duffy's attorney, has said that his client's act was no crime because there was no criminal intent. He indicates that this line of defense will be followed when the Songmy murderers come to trial. (New York Times, 28 March 1970)

These lieutenants, needless to say, were not operating without instructions from their superiors. Kruger was once bawled out by Major Jeffrey Templeton for taking two prisoners instead of killing them. General J. F. Hollingsworth has said, "There is nothing I love better than killing Ceng." General George Patton III sent out Christmas cards in 1968 which depicted a heap of dead bodies, with the words "Peace on Earth".

"For all we know, a secret commando team from Paraguay is running around Viet Nam killing civilians for nefarious purposes known only to General Stroessner." - Rod Walker, Erewhon IV, #2

That colophon over on the right side of this page has been used for all my publications; the number indicates its numerical order among these publications. However, it recently appeared on another writer's works. Bill Blackbeard, This is a director of the San Francisco Academy of Comic Art and a leading authority on the history and art of the comic strip, has just written a study of the erotic tabloids that have arisen in New York City within the past two years. This book is entitled Kiss, Screw, Pleasure and Sex - the names of the first four of these tabloids to appear. The book is \$4.75 from Greenleaf Press, and the author's name appears as "Edward Teach" - an appropriate enough pen name for a man named Blackbeard.

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Since the study is plentifully illustrated from the tabloids and from related works, it is likely to come under the same strictures as they have. For some reason it has not yet appeared in east coast bookshops, and has not even been reviewed in the publications it discusses. But then, it is more needed on the west coast than here. The tabloids themselves seem to be available on newsstands only in New York City, so Blackbeard's book may be the first that Californians have seen of these publications.

The dedication is "To J. B. of OPERATION AGITATION with thanks." The capitalized words appear in double columns, just as they do in my colophon. As a member of SFACA I have been furnishing Blackbeard with the tabloids he needed for this study.

In the 1850's Massachusetts passed a Personal Liberty Law, whose purpose was to make the work of federal slave-catchers impossible and to ensure a safe refuge in the state for escaped Negroes. Now, in 1970, the same state is embarked on the same noble purpose - this time on behalf of men endangered by the Selective Service. The legislature has just passed and sent to the governor a bill which

is designed to save Massachusetts servicemen from being impressed into the Vietnam war.

This bill enables Massachusetts servicemen to refuse combat duty unless there is a formal declaration of war by Congress. It also puts the full resources of the state's Attorney-General behind any man who chooses to take advantage of this law.

Even if the Republican governor vetoes this act of a Democratic legislature, it will inevitably go into effect next year. Every Democratic candidate for governor has endorsed it, and a veto will be made a campaign issue in this heavily Democratic state. The state of Giles Cory, Samuel Adams, Paul Revere, Henry David Thoreau, John Andrew, the Holmeses, and the Kennedys is still setting new marks in the growth of liberty.

GRAUSTARK is the oldest bulletin of postal Diplomacy, having been founded in May 1963. Subscriptions are 10 issues for \$1.00 from John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11226. Back issues are 10¢ each, or 15 issues for \$1.00. Available back issues are 48, 51, 71, 72, 76, 78, 79, 81-83, 85, 87, 90, 91, 101-106, 108-115, 117-124, 127-143, 145, 147-151, 153, 155, 166, 167, 170-174, 183, 184, 186, 190-193, 195-206. (The 200th issue, a particularly large one with articles on the game, is 25¢.)

No new games are open, except one limited to residents of New York City. This game will proceed at the rate of one move per week, and the entry-fee is \$4.00.

This publication is not edited under the supervision of Bangs Leslie Tapscott.

"I Tell Her Daddy's Plane Fell Down out of the Sky"

- wife of missing US Air Force pilot on CBS-TV, Xmas 1969

And what was daddy doing there, mommy?

Burning little children like you, dear
in the arms, legs, eyes, mouth, body & cunt, dear...
Burning them to death.

Now go out and play, dear.

- Tuli Kupferberg

* "The following is clipped from an official list of military stores published for the current year:

"Vessels, CHBR: Porcelain, with rims and handles, officers, for the use of.
Do. China, rimless, with handles, warrant-officers, for the use of.
Do. Earthenware, rimless, without handles, other ranks, for the use of.
Do. India-rubber, collapsible, mental cases, for the use of.

"When things are really as goddawful as this, it is no use trying to reform them by earnest means - reviving the Liberal Party, spreading Communist leaflets among the armed forces of the Crown, committing suicide and leaving an explanatory manifesto behind; or writing them up in the Jack London or Sinclair Lewis style. Either one gracefully absents oneself from civilization, or else one must seek ingenious means for making things a little more goddawful than

before, until they overreach themselves. In this case, for example, one might threaten a question in the House and blackmail the Army Council into providing a new type of Vessel, CHRR - cut glass, with two handles, and a rim emblazoned with battle honours, field-officers, for the use of." - Robert Graves (1928)

In the review of Chronicles: News of the Past, which appeared in GRAUSTARK #206, a scriptural reference was made to I Chronicles 20:6. This should have been II Samuel 21:19. That's the last time I use a one-dollar concordance.

With the recent end of 1967U, James Latimer's subscription to GRAUSTARK ended. As he has been inactive in postal Diplomacy for some time, though once enrolled in over 20 games, I expected to hear nothing more of him. But in came a subscription renewal, and one of the most active Diplomacy players is hereby welcomed back into the fold. His address is new Apt. 11, 10 Falmouth St., Lawrence, Mass. 01843.

The following people have subscriptions that expire with this issue of GRAUSTARK, or with one of the next two:

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| Birsan | 209 - Farber | Pulsipher |
| Bytwerk | Christian | Rubin |

In the review of The Augustan which appeared in GRAUSTARK #206, for "Carlos III" read "Carlos IV".

Red Walker writes that Allan Calhamer, inventor of Diplomacy, is assembling a set of standard rulings which Walker will publish. For those interested, Walker's address is 5058 Hawley Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92116.

The original form of "Agnew" is "Anagnoskopulos". A Greek-speaking friend assures me that it means "son of an ignorant man".

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